

II. CLAIM LISTING

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently amended) A drive member storage device for retaining ratchet wrench sockets comprising:

a rail;

a base portion adapted to be connected to the rail;

a post adapted to accept a drive member thereon, the post extending outwardly from the base portion;

a retention device associated with the post, the retention device adapted to retain the drive member to the post by mechanical engagement;

a release mechanism associated with the post and adapted to release the drive member from the post by disengaging the retention device;

a biasing member adapted to expel the drive member from the post when the release mechanism is depressed;

~~The socket storage device of claim 1 wherein the release mechanism includes a sleeve surrounding the base member portion, the sleeve adapted to be urged toward the base portion to release the socket drive member.~~

4. (Currently amended) The socket drive member storage device of claim 3, further including a slide key having a first leg and a second leg substantially perpendicular to the first leg.

5. (Currently amended) The socket drive member storage device of claim 4, wherein the first leg of the slide key is adapted to displace a socket detent mechanism.

6. (Currently amended) The ~~socket~~ drive member storage device of claim 5, wherein the second leg of the slide key is adapted to be connected to the sleeve, wherein depressing the sleeve moves the slide key.

7. (Currently amended) The ~~socket~~ drive member storage device of claim 6, further including a biasing member adapted to bias the ~~side~~ slide key away from the base portion.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently amended) A socket storage device for retaining ratchet wrench drive members comprising:

a base portion adapted to maintain the position of the socket storage device on a rail;
a post adapted to accept a drive member thereon, the post extending outwardly from
the base portion;

a retention device associated with the post, the retention device adapted to retain the
drive member to the post by mechanical engagement;

a release mechanism associated with the post and adapted to release the drive member
from the post by disengaging said retention device; and

a biasing member adapted to expel the drive member from the post when the release
mechanism is depressed;

~~The socket storage device of claim 8 wherein the release mechanism includes a sleeve~~
~~associated with the base member portion, the sleeve adapted to be depressed to release the~~
~~socket drive member.~~

10. (Currently amended) The ~~socket~~ drive member storage device of claim 9, where the device further includes a slide key associated with the post, the slide key having a first leg and a second leg substantially perpendicular to the first leg.

11. (Currently amended) The ~~socket~~ drive member storage device of claim 10, wherein the first leg of the slide key is adapted to displace a socket detent mechanism.

12. (Currently amended) The ~~socket~~ drive member storage device of claim 10, wherein the second leg of the slide key is adapted to be connected to the sleeve, wherein depressing the sleeve moves the slide key.

13. (Currently amended) The ~~socket~~ drive member storage device of claim [8] 9 further comprising a rail adapted to accept a plurality of base ~~members~~ portions thereon.

14. (Currently amended) The ~~socket~~ drive member storage device of claim 13, wherein the base ~~member~~ portion includes a retention ball adapted to ~~retain~~ maintain the relative position of the base ~~member~~ portion with respect to opposite ends of the rail.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently amended) A socket storage device for retaining ratchet wrench drive members comprising:

an elongated rail;

a plurality of drive member storage connectors, each adapted to accept and retain a drive member, said drive member storage connectors including a base portion adapted to be connected to the rail;

a post adapted to accept a drive member thereon, the post extending outwardly from the base portion;

a retention device associated with the post, the retention device adapted to retain the drive member to the post by mechanical engagement;

a release mechanism associated with the post and adapted to release the drive member from the post by disengaging the retention device;

a biasing member adapted to expel the drive member from the post when the release mechanism is depressed;

~~The socket storage device of claim 15 wherein the release mechanism includes a sleeve associated with the base member portion, the sleeve adapted to be depressed to release the ~~socket~~ drive member.~~

17. (Currently amended) The ~~socket~~ drive member storage device of claim 16 where the device further includes a slide key having a first leg and a second leg perpendicularly oriented to the first leg.
18. (Currently amended) The ~~socket~~ drive member storage device of claim 17, wherein the first leg of the slide key is adapted to displace a socket detent mechanism.
19. (Currently amended) The ~~socket~~ drive member storage device of claim 17, wherein the second leg of the slide key is adapted to be connected to the sleeve, wherein depressing the sleeve moves the slide key.
20. (Currently amended) The ~~socket~~ drive member storage device of claim 17, wherein the base portion includes a rail detent mechanism adapted to aid in retaining the position of the socket storage connectors with respect to the rail.

21. (Currently amended) The socket ~~socket~~ drive member device of claim 20, further comprising a spring having a first end in contact with the rail detent mechanism and a second end in contact with the ~~side~~ slide key.

22. – 27. (Canceled)